

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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JANUARY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012
AT THE SIZZLER STEAK HOUSE
3755 MURPHY CANYON ROAD, SUITE S
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 PM DINNER: 5:30 PM

MEETING: 6:30 PM

Program: Dick Garren's never-before-seen video on
the 2011 VP8ORK South Orkney DXpedition

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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



Thanks to all of you who came out for our annual Christmas party and of course to Jim, W6YI for opening the Superstation as host. It was great to see you all as well as some folks from out of town and to meet some of the member's families. The food came from Cocina Del Charro in Escondido – Best tamales ever. Hope you all ended up with the gift of your dreams in the gift exchange. If not there's always next year. Your contributions covered about half the cost, so hopefully we can afford to do it again. Finally, I think we got the kinks worked out of the "What's My Call" game we're planning for Visalia. (Don't show the panel the answers).

The planning for Visalia is progressing nicely, but we still need more of you who are attending to help out for a few hours with registration and ticket selling, etc. No experience necessary. Remember, the club makes the largest share of our annual income from our share of the proceeds from Visalia. Please e-mail John, WA6L at wa6l@arrl.net or see him at the meeting if you are planning to be there.

Speaking of Visalia, registration is now open at www.dxconvention.org. Hopefully you already have a room and a ride, but if not feel free to use the club reflector to find someone to team up with. I notice the Convention web page doesn't mention anything about how to reserve banquet seating. Last year, advance reservations were done by e-mail. But unless they say otherwise soon, it looks like they are going back to the old way of standing in line when you arrive. We tried to find someone to design an online system, but the cost was prohibitive.

The bands have cooled of a bit from the feeding frenzy of a few months ago, but there's still plenty of action. Malpelo is on now, with Pitcairn, Congo, and Banaba coming up soon. I finally got PJ4 on all bands after missing it back on 10-10-10 (I was at PJ4D). Also keep an ear out for VK0TH on Macquarie. He's been on a lot lately. Just look him up on QRZ.com to see his current frequency and log.

73, John

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

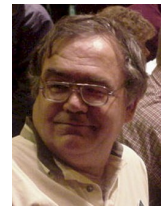
Ellen, N6UWW



No report this month.

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



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February 2012 DX Contests

Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
ARRL DX Contest - CW	18-Feb	0000Z	19-Nov	2400Z
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	11-Feb	0000Z	12-Feb	2359Z
CQ 160 Meter Contest, SSB	24-Feb	2200Z	26-Feb	2159Z

Cover Story and Editor's Rambling

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

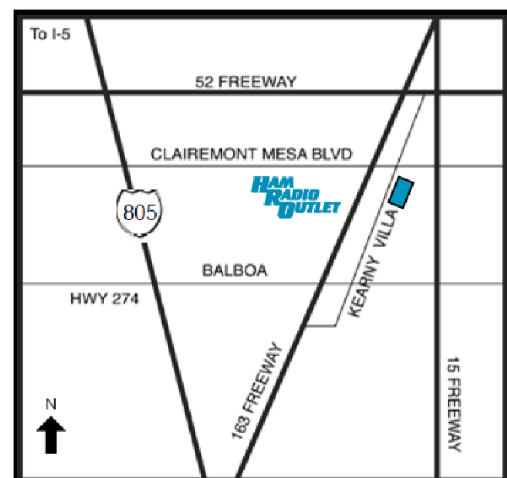


The cover photo shows Signey Island taken from Iceberg Bay in the South Orkney Islands. The Micro-Lite VP8ORK group that went there about a year ago was awarded the "DXpedition of the Year" award at the Dayton Hamvention. I am very much looking forward to Dick Garren's program about the operation. And, yes, I checked the on-line log for my QSOs (just two - one Phone, one CW).

It's been a long dry spell between meetings.

The VP8ORK video looks like a great way to kick off the new DX year and provide your humble editor with more material to publish. Without John's "Top 10" and Ellen's Secretary/Treasurer report, the Bulletin is pretty thin. But that will get fixed starting with next month's SDDXC Bulletin. To accompany the club news, I intend to continue adding DX-related material that makes the Bulletin a (hopefully) interesting read. There are several stories that I've queued up for the next months - Bulletins that I hope you enjoy reading.

73, Bob



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